

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT DON FINK, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor fifteen distinguished military veterans from Texas' Third Congressional District who answered the call to serve their Nation honorably, both in uniform and following their return to civilian life. The recipients of the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation exemplify the timehonored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership. Following their time in service, their efforts in our community have earned these fine individuals recognition as the recipients of this prestigious commendation. Their stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is Sergeant Don Fink of Frisco, Texas.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Don Fink moved to Texas early in life where he graduated from Richardson High School. From a young age, Don's father, a World War II veteran, instilled in him a keen awareness that our country's freedoms were at risk. In 1968, a 20-year-old Fink would enlist as an Infantryman in the U.S. Army. He was assigned to Chu Lai, Vietnam where his contributions in building the strategically important LZ Maryanne would ultimately keep the enemy from advancing on American troops and in due course save thousands of soldiers' lives.

Sergeant Fink's awards include a Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Overseas Service Bar, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Sharpshooter Marksmanship Badge, Expert Marksmanship Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge.

Upon his return to civilian life, Don would begin employment with United Parcel Service (UPS) where he would eventually manage several statewide regional centers. After graduating from the University of Texas at Arlington, Don would establish his own successful staffing and recruiting business.

Today, Don has become known as a widely respected and beloved advocate on behalf of our veterans. As an active member of the Frisco Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8273 he is deeply admired as the current Chaplain. In addition to attending funerals, tending to the sick and needy, as well as those in crisis, Don has been known to personally drive veterans to service officer appointments for benefits counseling. As the proud father of two children and two grandchildren, Don currently resides in Frisco with

his beloved dog, Bella. Sergeant Don Fink is a stranger to none and continues to exemplify the spirit of this award through his willingness to help those in need.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Sergeant Fink for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

DALTON DAVEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dalton Davey also known as Dr. Derpster of Northglenn, Colorado for receiving the City of Northglenn Young Entrepreneur Award.

The Young Entrepreneur Award is given to a Northglenn student that has displayed entrepreneurial prowess and has stood out amongst their peers. This year's award goes to the YouTuber, Dr. Derpster. This young man has brought joy to hundreds of subscribers each week as he plays many of the most popular video games. This knack for entertainment is impressive, and I encourage him to continue to bring joy to people in all aspects of his life.

Dr. Derpster represents some of the brightest youths that Northglenn has to offer. It is a testament to the schools in our community for fostering such a comprehensive learning environment. I wish him nothing but the best in the future and congratulate him on winning this award.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUEBER BREUER

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of Hueber Breuer, a legacy construction firm in Central New York that has developed and built some of the most impactful projects in the region.

Since its founding in 1872, Hueber Breuer has remained a family-run business and is currently led by its fifth and sixth generations. Today, it is the largest, continuously operating, family-owned construction and contracting firm in Central New York.

In its 150 years of operation, Hueber Breuer has played a key role in developing the City

of Syracuse and Central New York. The company has helped build and restore many of the landmarks that define our skylines, such as the Landmark Theater, the Franklin Center, the Samaritan Center, and the Exposition Center at the New York State Fairgrounds. For the firm's stellar work, Hueber Breuer has received numerous awards including the Associated General Contractors of New York Safety Award, the American General Contractors Build New York Award, and the Preservation Association of Central New York Award of Merit.

Aside from its construction projects, Hueber Breuer also aims to revitalize Central New York through philanthropic endeavors. These endeavors include an annual Community Volunteer Day, in which the company's employees volunteer for charitable organizations in the region.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing the upcoming 150th Anniversary of Hueber Breuer. Since its founding, the company has made tremendous contributions on Central New York through its visionary construction projects and dedication to the community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MICHAEL COLLINS

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Michael Collins. His unwavering sense of conviction and outstanding public service to his community earned him respect and admiration from those who knew him and anyone he crossed paths with.

The state of Florida recognizes his success as the champion of the Greater Everglades ecosystem from Orlando to the Keys. His leadership on the South Florida Water Management Board for over a decade has tangibly benefited the lives of tens-of-millions Floridians. His advocacy for Florida Bay, Lake Okeechobee as well as the Upper Chain of Lakes was heard and acted upon.

Michael Collins had the unique ability to unite various stakeholders to implement consensus solutions to complex water resource issues. He was the father of the creation of the Water Resource Advisory Commission to carry out this mission. His grand contributions cannot be measured. He was always attentive to his community and gave it his all.

Michael Collins will be remembered for his lifelong contributions and dedication to Florida's water resources. Captain Mike will be missed at the helm, however, his "troops" will carry on the mission. It's an honor to commemorate a man of this stature and integrity. Michael Collins will be profoundly missed.

God bless.

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